

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF JASPER
MARCH 7, 2005**

The Storm Water Management Board of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Monday, March 7, 2005 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raymond Eckerle who presided called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Raymond Eckerle	present
Vice Chairman Kent Humbarger	present (arrived at 9:38 a.m.)
Secretary David Seger	present

Also present were City Engineer Chad Hurm, Storm Water Coordinator Wes Garris and City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein.

Secretary David Seger announced that a majority of the board members must be present for a quorum. Two of the three board members were present at roll call; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Eckerle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 7, 2005. Secretary Seger noted that the name of Judi Brown was incorrectly spelled four times as Judy Braun on page 2. Secretary Seger **motioned** and Chairman Eckerle seconded to approve the minutes with the corrections as listed above. **Motion** carried 2-0.

CLAIMS

Chairman Eckerle presented claims in the amount of \$634.50 from February 4, 2005 through March 3, 2005.

On **motion** by Secretary Seger, seconded by Chairman Eckerle, the claims from February 4, 2005 to March 3, 2005 were approved as presented. **Motion** passed 2-0.

STORM WATER DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Dedication and Deed Restrictions. City Engineer Chad Hurm reported that language changes on dedication and deed restrictions regarding easements are ready for implementation. He said the changes would reinforce the language on how to address encroachments or obstructions in easements. Regarding that issue, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein referred to the new Brentwood subdivision, which has lakes on it. Hemmerlein asked which board the developer should return to, if in the future, there were plats with lakes or storm water retention/detention areas and changes were sought to that plat after final approval plat had been given. Counselor Hemmerlein advised on returning to the Storm

Water Board if the plat was in City limits and to the Planning Commission if out of City limits and adding a paragraph to that effect.

Chairman Eckerle opined that it would depend on how severe the impact to the neighborhood would be, but it's important for city departments to know of any changes to plats. City Engineer Hurm responded that if the change was minor, then there would be no need to seek board re-approval, but board approval should be sought if there was a change in the capacity or discharge rate of storm water. He quoted the plat wording, "Any major alterations to the land within this easement must have the approval of the drainage board. Fences may not be extended across lake maintenance and storm drainage easements". Secretary Seger advised that approval should be sought from both boards so that there was a record of what was changed and who approved the change.

Vice Chairman Kent Humbarger commented that nothing could be changed if it's against State law. Vice Chairman Humbarger also reported that information on Indiana drainage laws would be detailed at land surveying seminars and that there were land surveying seminars being offered on March 11, 2005 and April 29, 2005. He highly recommended that either the Storm Water Coordinator or the City Engineer attend one of the seminars. Secretary Seger agreed that the seminars were worth looking into.

Part C of Rule 13. Storm Water Coordinator Wes Garris stated that he, Chairman Eckerle and Judi Brown had attended the storm water drainage conference at Purdue. He also reported that Christina York is the new Rule 13 Coordinator.

Single Family home ERU's. Storm Water Coordinator Garris reported that he has begun collecting data for ERU's on single family homes. He said it would be a major undertaking.

Littering. Chairman Raymie Eckerle voiced his concern on the high incidence of littering in the city. He stated that the ditch beside the Street Department that runs to the river is constantly full of litter. He recommended some kind of promotion to encourage the public to stop littering. Storm Water Coordinator Garris responded that the Mayor has approached him about possibly talking on the radio on the subject. Garris also stated that he would like to involve school children, Scout troops and other public participation in having a Clean-up Day.

Unpaid Storm Water Fees – City Attorney Sandy Hemmerlein reported on the procedure concerning uncollected storm water fees. She stated that the utility office runs an accounts receivable list every month and this shows what storm water fees are not being collected and, currently, uncollected bills are added to unpaid utility bills and sent to a collection agency. Hemmerlein stated that another option would be to sue the debtor. City Attorney Hemmerlein also noted that there were bills in front of the legislator that would permit placing a lien on property for uncollected storm water fees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Vice Chairman Humbarger and seconded by Secretary Seger, and carried 3-0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Chairman Raymie Eckerle
Presiding Officer

Attest:

David Seger, Secretary

Cynthia Kluemper, Recording Secretary